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CORRECTED "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" SECTION

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A frame comprising:
 - a sill;
 - a pair of spaced side jambs extending upwardly from said sill;
 - a head jamb spanning said side jambs;
 - a unitary plastic member attached to said head jamb, said plastic member being configured to define a flashing strip overlying and covering an upwardly facing top surface of said head jamb to inhibit moisture contact with said head jamb, a nailing fin projecting upwardly from said flashing strip and away from said head jamb for use in attaching said frame to an adjacent structure with fasteners extending through said nailing fin, and a drip edge extending along an upper outside corner of said head jamb to direct water from said flashing strip away from said head jamb.
2. (Original) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said nailing fin is attached to said flashing strip with a flexible hinge.
3. (Original) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said drip edge includes a lip.

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4. (Original) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said frame is a door frame.
5. (Currently Amended) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said plastic member further defines a construction cover configured to cover and protect a front face portion of said head jamb.
6. (Original) The frame of claim 5 and wherein said construction cover is removable from said plastic member.
7. (Original) The frame of claim 6 and wherein said construction cover is attached to said plastic member with a tear-away connection, said tear-away connection separating as said construction cover is removed.
8. (Currently Amended) The frame of claim 1 and wherein said side jambs and said head jamb ~~are provided with~~ include brick mold, said flashing strip covering an ~~upper~~ upwardly facing top surface of said brick mold ~~on said head jamb~~.
9. (Original) The frame of claim 8 and wherein said plastic member further defines a construction cover configured to cover and protect a portion of said brick mold along said head jamb.

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10. (Currently Amended) A door assembly comprising a threshold, a pair of spaced vertical side jambs extending upwardly from said threshold to upper ends, a head jamb spanning said upper ends of said side jambs, brick mold extending along said vertical jambs and said head jamb, and a plastic member securely attached at least to said brick mold along said head jamb, said plastic member defining both a permanently attached flashing strip overlying an upper top surface of said brick mold along said head jamb to inhibit moisture contact with said brick mold and a removable construction cover overlying an outside face of said brick mold to protect said outside face from damage until said construction cover is removed.

11. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and wherein said construction cover is attached to said flashing strip with a tear-away hinge that separates to allow said construction cover to be removed.

12. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and further comprising a drip edge formed along said flashing strip.

13. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 12 and wherein said construction cover is removably attached along said drip edge.

14. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 13 and wherein said construction cover is attached with a tear-away connection.

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15. (Currently Amended) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and wherein said plastic member further defines a nailing fin projecting outwardly from said flashing strip and away from said door assembly for fastening said door assembly to a surrounding structure with fasteners extending through said nailing flange.

16. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 15 and wherein said nailing fin is attached to said flashing strip with a flexible hinge.

17. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 10 and further comprising a second plastic member extending along each of said side jambs, said second plastic member including a removable construction cover overlying said brick mold along said side jambs.

18. (Original) A door assembly as claimed in claim 17 and wherein said construction cover is attached by a tear-away connection that separates to allow removal of said construction cover.

19. (Currently Amended) A frame for a door or window, said frame comprising a sill, vertical side jambs, a head jamb, and brick mold surrounding said frame along an outside edge of said jambs, and a plastic member extending along at least said head jamb, said plastic member having a permanently attached flashing strip that overlies an upper top surface of said brick mold to protect said brick mold from moisture and a removable construction cover that overlies and protects an otherwise exposed surface of said brick mold and that is removed after construction leaving said flashing strip attached.

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20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The frame of claim ~~20~~ 19 and wherein said plastic member also has a nailing fin for attaching said frame in a roughed-in opening.

22. – 24. (Cancelled)